

**Amendments to the claims:**

- [c1] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:
- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
  - b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
  - b)c) a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole; and
  - e)d) an attachment mechanism that ~~connects~~ fastens the cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the carrier through the hole in the cutting edge and the end hole of the carrier where the attachment mechanism is removed by access accessible to ~~from~~ the bottom of the carrier.
- [c2] (Original)A lawn mower blade as in claim 1 where the carrier is shaped to protect the attachment mechanism.
- [c3] (Original)A lawn mower blade as in claim 1 where the cutting edge is shaped to protect the attachment mechanism.
- [c4] (Original)A lawn mower blade as in claim 1 where the carrier and cutting edge are both shaped to protect the attachment mechanism.
- [c5] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade as in claim 1 where the cutting edge has a sharpened leading edge which in operation travels on a cutting plane and where the attachment mechanism is above the cutting plane.
- [c6] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:
- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;

- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
- b)c) a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole;
- e)d) an attachment mechanism that for attaching fastens the cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the carrier through the hole in the cutting edge the end hole of the carrier; where the attachment mechanism is removed by access to the bottom of the carrier; and where the attachment mechanism is protected by the shape of the carrier.

[c7] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
- b)c) a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole; and
- e)d) an attachment mechanism that for attaching fastens the cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the carrier through the hole in the cutting edge the end hole of the carrier; where the attachment mechanism is removed by access to the bottom of the carrier; and where the attachment mechanism is protected by the shape of the cutting edge.

[c8] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;

- b)c) a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole; and
- e)d) an attachment mechanism that for attaching fastens the cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the carrier through the hole in the cutting edge the end hole of the carrier; where the attachment mechanism is removed by access to the bottom of the carrier; and where the attachment mechanism is protected by the shape of the ~~blade assembly~~ carrier and the shape of the cutting edge.

[c9] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
- b)c) a cutting mechanism with at least one hole; and
- e)d) means for mounting cutting mechanism to the top or bottom of the carrier where the means for mounting ~~can be accessed from the bottom of the carrier~~ transverses the hole in the cutting mechanism and the end hole of the carrier; and
- e) where the means for mounting is removed by access to the bottom of the carrier.

[c10] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;

- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
- b)c) ~~a cutting mechanism~~ a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole; and
- e)d) means for mounting ~~cutting mechanism~~ the detachable cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the of the carrier where the means for mounting transverses the hole in the detachable cutting edge and the end hole of the carrier; where the means for mounting is protected by the carrier.

[c11] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
- b) the carrier having a top, a bottom and two ends with at least one end having a hole;
- b)c) ~~a cutting mechanism~~ a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole; and
- e)d) means for mounting ~~cutting mechanism~~ the detachable cutting edge directly to the top or bottom of the carrier where the means for mounting transverses the hole in the detachable cutting edge and the end hole of the carrier; where the means for mounting is protected by the detachable cutting mechanism edge.

[c12] (Currently Amended) A lawn mower blade comprising:

- a) a carrier with a central hole for direct connection to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower;
- b) the carrier having two ends with at least one end having a hole

and a slot; the slot having an insertion region and a holding region;

- b)c) a detachable cutting edge with at least one hole and a T insert;  
the T insert having a neck and a head, the head being wider than the neck;
- e)d) an attachment mechanism that ~~connects~~ fastens the cutting edge directly to the carrier ~~where the attachment mechanism is accessible from the bottom of the carrier; and;~~ where the T insert is placed through the insertion region of the slot; where the cutting edge is then slid so that the T insert is in the holding region of the slot and a bolt is placed through the hole in the cutting edge and the end hole of the carrier; where a nut is placed on the bolt; and
- e) where the nut is accessed from the bottom of the carrier.